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~~Interchange of Social Security and Civil Service Retirement Credits~~
~~BILL ON HEALTH BENEFITS IS GIVEN CHANCE~~

The AFL-CIO Government Employees Council has indorsed proposed legislation permitting an interchange of credits between the Social Security System and the Civil Service Retirement System.

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~~And~~ the legislation, originally sponsored in 1956 by Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), continues to loom as something which stands an excellent chance of passage by ~~the next~~ Congress.

It would benefit Government -- by making the Federal service more attractive.

It would benefit employees -- mainly by giving them additional survivorship insurance during their first years of Government service.

Its cost presumably would be small, and perhaps could be handled without direct appropriation.

And it would not involve so-called "coordination" of Social Security and the Civil Service Retirement System, a formula once determinedly pushed by the Eisenhower Administration, but strongly opposed by Federal worker organizations.

It would have, however, a principal objective of coordination by extending survivorship protection to short-term Federal employees.

And for this reason, the plan may be opposed by Health, Education and Welfare Department which still clings to the coordination dream.

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In practice, the Holifield plan would stop short of a true interchange of credits between SS and CS Retirement System.

The flow of funds would be down a one-way street -- from the CS System to Social Security, but never in reverse.

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